

# **COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**

## **MEETING MINUTES OF**

### **January 29, 2007**

**PRESENT:** Berger, Bunker, Longley-Cook, Cooney, Chair Lord-Hausman, and Vice-Chair Moore

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Fort, Hakanson, Kirola

**GUESTS:** Lucretia Akil, Assistant Risk Manager

**MINUTES:** The minutes of December 11, 2006 were approved with the following corrections: 1) per Commissioner Charles Bunker change the October 23, 2006 minutes under guest from ‘... their concerns ...’ to ‘... their concerns and frustrations on their recommendations...’ and 2) Old Business, Item #5 change ‘... application has been ...’ to ‘... application will be ...’ and ‘The City Attorney’s office has revised the application wording’.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** none

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Grand Marina Master Plan:**

The secretary informed the Commission of the proposed 40-unit residential development at the north end of Grand Street. Commissioner Toby Berger stated that some of the dwellings will be available for various lower income levels and suggested that the Commission meet with the architects during the design to make accessibility recommends. Secretary will notify staff planner regarding Toby’s suggestion.

2. **Commissioner Duties:**

Commissioner Ed Cooney suggested that the Commission take the initiative to track City projects so that the Commission can make suggestions during the initial phases of projects rather than in the latter stages. Chair Audrey Lord-Hausman informed the Commission of the focus of various City commissions, boards and committees. The Secretary, Assistant Risk Manager and Audrey will meet to determine which commission, boards and committees meeting agendas would best benefit the Disability Commission.

3. **Staff Transition:** The secretary informed the Commission that Lucretia Akil, Assistant Risk Manager, will be taking over the duties of secretary from the Public Works Department starting in March, 2007.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** none

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook stated that the Alameda Youth Collaborative will hold a '2007 Season for Nonviolence Speech Contest' for middle and high school students on January 17-19 and a Citywide speech contest on March 17. The 'Season for Nonviolence' is held annually every January 30-April 4, honoring the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi.
2. Chair Audrey Lord-Hausman would like to have the two vacant seats on the Commission filled. Secretary will inform the City Clerk.
3. Chair Audrey Lord-Hausman recommended that the City's website on the Disability Commission include links to other disability references and information or dissemination web sites. The web site wheelchairtrails.net has a listing of trails that are accessible to wheelchair users.
4. Chair Audrey Lord-Hausman passed out a pamphlet entitled 'East Bay Innovations', that listed resources providing services to people with disabilities in Alameda County. It was suggested that a representative from East Bay Innovations attend the March Commission meeting to discuss the program.
5. Commissioner Ed Cooney informed the Commission that the City is looking for a volunteer to serve on the PAPCO committee. For more information contact Barry Bergman of the Public Works Department at 749-5916.
6. Members were asked to bring to the next meeting a list of websites organizations to be considered for inclusion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 26th, 2007 in Room 360, City Hall.

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